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(George K. Ng)

SYNOVIAL TISSUE DEGRADATION

## APPLICANTS'STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary dated October 7, 2005. In accordance with the last paragraph of the Interview Summary, Applicant is given one month to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

In the telephone interview between the Examiner Counts and Shawn Foley on August 8, 2005, the pending claims were discussed. The substance of the discussion is accurately described in the Interview Summary and resulted in the Examiner's Amendment of October 7, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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